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TOWNSEND AND FORDNEY COMING

Will Speak for Republican Party in Gratiot County Within a Short Time

FORDNEY AT ST. LOUIS 23RD

Big Meeting is Being Planned for That Evening—Townsend Speaks Here the 19th.

Gratiot county will hear some of the finest speakers of the Republican party in Michigan within the next two or three weeks. Dates have already been made for U. S. Senator Charles Townsend, and Congressman Joseph Fordney.

Hon. Joseph Fordney, representative in congress from this district, will be in St. Louis for a big evening night meeting on Monday evening, Oct. 23. Fordney is well known as a forceful speaker, and "Joe" will be out to hand out the goods in his speech at St. Louis. Get acquainted with the issues of the day, the issues upon which you will vote in November.

Hon. Charles Townsend, United States senator from Michigan, who has been doing things in congress during the past four years, has also been secured to speak in Gratiot county. Townsend is a gifted orator, and can pound out some truths on the issues as they are at present. He will speak in Alma at the opera house here on the evening of Thursday, October 19th. It will be a big night here. The Republican band of thirty pieces will furnish music for the rally.

The Hon. Joseph Fordney will make several speeches in Gratiot county the same day that he speaks in St. Louis. He will leave Saginaw on the morning of the 23rd and will make his first stop at Wheeler, speaking there at 8:30. From Wheeler he will go to Breckenridge for a speech at 10:00 a. m. At 1:00 p. m. he will speak at Forest Hill and at 2:15 at Elwell. At 4:00 in the afternoon he will address the people of Riverdale and at 5:10 will address the factory men at the Republic truck plant. The workers of the plant will be given twenty minutes to hear the great orator.

Efforts are being made to secure other prominent Republicans to make addresses in Gratiot county, in the parts which will not be touched on the trip of Fordney and Townsend.

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ORR IS MARRIED

Republic Expert Married a Saginaw Girl Saturday.

Ernest F. Orr, of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., was united in marriage last week Saturday to Miss Nellie M. Hughes of Saginaw, the marriage taking place at the home of the bride's parents in that city.

The wedding took place at 5:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Ambrose Dunkle. Only the immediate relatives of the couple were present at the wedding.

Mr. Ernest F. Orr came to Alma about four months ago, as an efficiency expert for the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc. During the time that he has been with the Republic company, Mr. Orr has proven himself to be a most valuable man in his line, and is rapidly working out plans that are a big benefit to the company from a money saving standpoint.

The first of the week at the Republic plant, Mr. Orr was receiving congratulations from everyone and in extending these, the Record also joins with his many friends.

PARENTS ATTENTION

The attention of parents is directed to the fact that each pupil in the public schools of Alma above the kindergarten is given a report of his school work at the close of each school month. At the time the report is handed to the pupil, he is directed to present it to his parent or guardian, who is requested to carefully examine and then sign it. The signature of the parent or guardian is the only evidence the instructor has that the report card has been duly examined. After obtaining the signature of his parent, the pupil should immediately return the card to his instructor.

It is a direct violation of an established rule for a pupil to write the signature of his parent on the card. Parents are urgently requested to carefully examine these reports and if found unsatisfactory, consult teachers, in order that there may be an improvement in the school work.

WILL BOARD WITH SHERIFF

On Tuesday afternoon, a Mrs. McCoy hailing from Hamilton, Ohio, was picked up and then locked up by Marshall Rogers, said Mrs. McCoy having drunk a little too much.

She appeared in justice court on Wednesday with her husband, but as neither could pay the fine and costs of about \$8.00, she was sent to Ithaca to board with Sheriff Newell Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Popewski and son of Saginaw were Alma visitors on Sunday.

REPUBLIC PARTY

Big Affair Held in Miller Saw Trimmer Building Tuesday.

On Tuesday evening of this week nearly one hundred people from the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., gathered in the Miller Saw Trimmer building for a party and a general good time, which according to reports fall of them had.

The interior of the building was decorated with Republic fashion, and the familiar faces of the hundred from the plant, did away with formalities, allowing everyone to thoroughly enjoy the evening. The Republic band of thirty pieces was on hand and furnished music for the dance that was given. Refreshments were served late in the evening.

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VISITING DOCTORS AND NURSES COMING HERE

State Board of Health Sends Them to Gratiot and Gives Medical Inspection.

Next week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 18th, 19th and 20th, a visiting nurse from the state board of health will be in Alma for the purpose of giving free examinations and advice to any who care to take advantage of the chance for free medical examination.

People should not hesitate to take advantage of this chance to secure a free examination and free advice. The state furnishes the doctors and nurses which have charge of this work, and their advice will be governed by the cases examined, and not through hope of gain, as



DR. WM. DE KLINE
State Board Worker

the salaries come from the state. They will not tell you that something is the trouble with you if you are in good health. If you are ill, their advice will be as to the best remedies to cure your sickness, whatever it is.

"Rooms 18 and 19 in the Pollack block have been secured for the three days that the doctors and visiting nurses will be in Alma, and everyone is invited to call for the free examinations. Office hours will be from 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. on these days.

The state board of health will have nurses at St. Louis on the 17th and 18th, at Ithaca on the 17th and 18th, at the court house and at Ashley on the 18th.

Dr. John Plank, state lecturer for the state board of health, will give an address at the high school in Alma at 8:00 p. m. of the 17th, which will be free to everyone, and everyone is urged to attend. Following this meeting Dr. Plank will talk to the council, which will be in session that evening.

The state is making every effort to stamp out diseases throughout Michigan and is using this means to aid in the fight. It is up to the citizens of Michigan to aid in the work, if the death rate of the state is to be materially lowered, and it is for this that the fight against diseases is being carried on.

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MAKES BIG JUMP

Neice of Mr. Titus Now With Madam Schumann-Heink.

From a farmer's lass singing in a church choir, Rena Titus of Beach Park, Ohio, has jumped into fame, and is now being touted as the coming successor to Madam Schumann-Heink. Madam heard her sing in Cleveland, and it was done. Madam's heart was touched. Here was a worthy successor to Madam. Now Rena Titus, neice of George Titus of this city, is with Madam Schumann-Heink, and is working with her.

Madam in retiring will offer this twenty-one year old girl as her successor. Mr. Titus of Alma may one of these days be able to say, the greatest singer in the world is a neice of mine.

LAD BREAKS LEG

Howard Willis, an eighteen year old lad, working at the Republic plant, suffered a broken leg, while at work last week Thursday afternoon. A number of wheels, which had been piled up, fell over, and buried the lad. He was lucky in that he was injured no worse. Willis lives on Grover avenue.

L. A. Sharp is at Riverdale today, hunting.

LOCAL PLANT IS GROWING RAPIDLY

Swift & Company's Plant Is Doing Great Amount of Business in Alma.

70,000 DUCKS AND CHICKENS

Made Two Millions Pounds of Butter Last Year—Pay Big Wages.

One of the industries of this city which has been nearly lost sight of in the hurry and hustle, which has marked the growth of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., is the Alma branch of Swift & Company, which has been making rapid strides during the past summer.

During the past summer the Alma plant has had two good additions constructed. One of these is an addition to the poultry buildings, and it is 30 feet in length by 50 feet wide. The other addition is a duck fattening shed, this building being 210 feet long by 20 feet wide. Many other minor improvements and repairs have been made about the buildings.

Another new feature at Swift & Company's Alma plant is a new feed mixer, which cost the concern a considerable amount of money, and which saves a great deal of work in the mixing feed for upwards of 40,000 ducks and some 30,000 chickens.

Perhaps only those working at Swift & Company's Alma plant realize the great volume of business that this house does in Alma, in making butter. If all the butter made by Swift & Company in the Alma plant during the past twelve months, was piled together, it would make a pile larger than the Alma plant. This means that during the year the company has made over 2,000,000 pounds of butter. To arrive at approximately what this butter was worth, just strike an average of the prices of the past year and by multiplying, it can be seen that the Alma plant has just a great amount of business in just butter alone. The butterfat for this great amount of butter was nearly all obtained from cream purchased at a radius of forty miles of Alma.

At the present time over 30,000 head of chickens are on feed in one room at Swift & Company's local chicken yards. It is said that this is the greatest number of chickens ever assembled in one bunch in Michigan. During the past month, the local plant has done 45 per cent more poultry business than in any previous month and it is expected that this will be 50 per cent greater this month.

On only three and a half acres of ground, the local plant has hatched and raised 40,000 ducks during the past year, and have probably the biggest duck farm in the state.

Not only is the local plant doing a big business, but it is also paying good wages, especially to female workers. There are about one hundred and fifty on the payroll, half of them women workers. Last month these women workers had an average of over \$32.00 each week. Three last week received over \$30.00. This certainly proves that the women workers at this plant are the best paid in Alma. Most of these women are working on piece work, and their earnings are limited only by their ability and attention to work.

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DUSENBURY DISBARRED

Mt. Pleasant Attorney Cannot Practice for Half a Year.

Convicted on charges made by the disbarment committee of the Michigan State Bar association, Frank Dusenbury, well known Mt. Pleasant attorney was the latter part of last week, disbarred from practice in the courts for a period of six months.

The case was an interesting as well as unusually one in which several different charges were lodged against Dusenbury, chief among these being the altering of the county clerk's records, and the taking of a case for one party, after having been previously retained by the other party to the case.

Most of the charges that had been made against the Mt. Pleasant attorney were dropped during the disbarment proceedings, but those relating to the altering of the clerk's records, and the other of taking one side of a case, after having been retained by the other side, were pressed vigorously, and on these Dusenbury was found to be guilty.

Being found guilty the judge, setting in the case, quickly disbarred the Mt. Pleasant man from practice in the courts for a period of six months.

Attorney James A. Greene of this city, was retained by the bar association to handle the case, as friend of the court, and the result a complaint to the Alma man's ability, who although not liking such cases, felt that it was an attorney's duty to take charge of such a case if asked.

BISHOP WILLIAMS HERE

Bishop Williams has announced his intention of being in St. John's church Wednesday evening, February 14th, 1917. The rite of confirmation will probably be administered at this time.

HERE'S A SLAM

There is no need of our neighbor town of Alma having speed limit signs at her city limits, especially at the western boundary line, for it any kind of a machine can travel fast enough over the street in that part of town to exceed any speed regulation and get through without being wrecked, it would be a winner for power and endurance.

A paper in one of our neighboring towns used the above. It's just a mild hint that West Superior street could stand a little fixing, and perhaps our neighboring editor is right.

YPSILANTI NORMALS WERE DEFEATED BY ALMA 6 TO 0

Maroon and Cream Keeps Up Its Record—Has Never Lost to Teachers.

In the opening game of the 1916 football season at Ypsilanti last Saturday the Maroon and Cream football team trounced the Michigan State Normal college's heavier aggregation by a score of 6 to 0, in a game featured by brilliant forward passes, and much fumbling by the Alma team.

Helmer's men outplayed the Teachers during every stage of the game, and the greater portion of the struggle was played the Normal's half of the field. The score does not begin to show the superiority of the Alma eleven, which should have rolled up a larger score, on the grounds that the Teachers had in the field.

Time and again Alma carried the ball within the shadow of the Ypsi goal, only to fumble the ball and lose it to the Teachers, all of which cost the men of Helmer dearly in touchdowns, which might have been. Chief among the offenders in fumbling was Captain Johnston, playing his first game back of the line. Johnston fumbled at half and put up a fine game, except for his fumbling tendency, which will be overcome with more work at the backfield job, to which he is a stranger.

Brilliant forward passing marked the play of the locals. Passes from quarterback to Malcolm Smith, to Richards and from halfback Hoolihan to Richards gave Alma many a yard during the game. It was said after the battle that not one forward pass that Alma attempted went wild, when sent from Smith or Hoolihan, to the brilliant Alma end, who last year was accorded a place on the all M. I. A. team.

During the entire first half the two teams battled even, neither being able to get a counter across. A couple of times Alma was dangerously near to the Ypsi goal, but fumbling cost touchdowns each time, the Teachers being lucky enough to snare in the oval, as it eluded the grasp of the Alma players, thus saving their goal for the time being.

In the third quarter Alma marched down the field again, with brilliant forward passing and line-smashing. On the ten yard line, French was called around on a tackle play, and the Alma team, smashed through the Ypsilanti Green and White real for the only points of the day. The attempt at goal from the touchdown failed.

In the fourth quarter Alma again had chances to send the oval over the line, and threatened the Ypsi goal a couple of times, but again fumbles lost the ball, which was in each case recovered by the Ypsi players.

The Teachers put up a strong game, right from the start, but the Alma team was in better condition and gradually the Ypsi eleven were down. Practice on a clay baked field, had toughened the men of Helmer to such an extent that the grueling game had far less effect on them than on Ypsi players, and in the latter part of the game, Alma found it far easier to gain than when the struggle started.

The Alma line put up a fine exhibition and time and again, French, Spooner, Miller, McAuley, or Foote, ripped through the Teachers' line, slammed the interference right and left, and downed the Ypsi runner behind his own line.

The opening game showed that the Alma team is in fine condition, and is stronger than the Maroon and Cream team of last year at this time. It makes Alma's Michigan Intercollegiate chances look rosy indeed, as last year Alma went through the M. I. A. season without a defeat. There is much a slip in the course of a football season and plenty of chances for upsets and surprises, but the Maroon and Cream certainly has a good chance to win the 1916 football championship, as any team in the M. I. A. A., if the team continues to improve, as rapidly as it has improved in the last two weeks.

With one exception, every man that started in last Saturday's struggle was an old man. Barabon, the Grand Ledge giant, was the lone exception. The big lad started the game at guard, and played every minute, and put up a nice exhibition. Ed. Foote, the other Grand Ledge giant, got into the game at end late in the game, and showed Helmer some good work, and is bound, before the season is over, to make a place for himself, if he continues his present improvement.

Alma lined up as follows: Art. Foote and Richards, ends; French and Spooner, tackles; Miller and Barabon, guards; McAuley, center; Malcolm Smith, quarterback; Hoolihan and Captain Eddie Johnston, halves; and Fitch, fullback.

THE PROHIBITION MASS MEETING

Large Number Attended Meeting in Opera House Sunday Night.

SWEET MADE ANNOUNCEMENT

Dem's Candidate Sees Prohibition Strong—Local Men Are Speakers.

The mass meeting promoted by the W. C. T. U. last Sunday evening in the opera house in the interests of the prohibition movement was a decided success.

It undoubtedly accomplished its object, which was to arouse a big interest in the campaign for a dry Michigan and to secure all possible votes for statewide prohibition.

The Hon. A. P. Cook presided at the meeting. One of the college student, Grimes, was at the piano and accompanied the singing of the songs, which had been set to popular tunes. A good deal of enthusiasm was created at the very outset. A quartet of students, Don Smith, Robinson, Seeley and Grimes, varied very effectively the program of speeches.

Captain Lamont of the Salvation army spoke of the stand that the army has always taken on this subject and always will take. The chairman in a very pointed speech told of the difference that he had observed in the community as it turned from wet to dry, all of which is familiar to the older residents of Alma.

A big surprise came to the audience on Sunday evening when it found the Hon. Edwin L. Sweet of Grand Rapids, the Democratic candidate for governor, at the big prohibition mass meeting. Sweet had talked on politics in Alma on Saturday night, opening his campaign here, and local friends got him to remain over. It was quietly done, and few expected that the candidate would be at the meeting.

Greater still was the surprise when he spoke at the meeting. Sweet cast aside all party lines for the time being. He simply was present as a citizen of Michigan, but as a citizen interested in this great question. The greatest surprise of the evening was when he came out with his now well known announcement, that it was his intention to vote for prohibition in Michigan. Not only to vote against prohibition but to vote against the liquor traffic in every form, which takes in the so-called "Home Rule" amendment. Sweet sees prohibition strong in Michigan, where the Democrats have been woefully weak.

Mr. Jotham Allen, known throughout the county as an employer of labor, gave his opinion on the liquor traffic, as it had to deal with laboring men. He told how the employers of labor are hindered by the saloon and its work. Today employers do not secure men who drink, when others can be obtained.

P. W. Greaser made a very pointed and telling address on the subject of prohibition and J. D. Spinney gave a short talk, which was an effective one. Examples of what drink did, from what he had seen, were the subjects of his talk.

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POSTPONE NUMBER

Mary Antin, Opening Number of Lyceum Course Will Be Later.

The Alma Lyceum and Chautauqua association has seen fit to grant a postponement of the Mary Antin number on the lyceum course which was to have been the opening number of this year's lyceum course, on October 19. The following telegram was received from Mary Antin which will explain to the public the reason for the postponement:

"Will you grant me a personal favor by postponing my engagement of October 19th in order to release me for special piece of public work which I feel it my duty to undertake. In fixing a new date will do everything possible to meet your convenience, also will gladly reimburse you for any expenses you may have incurred in advertising original date. Please understand that I am making appeal on my own responsibility entirely; my managers are in no way responsible for any inconvenience you may suffer. Wire collect."

Acting in co-operation with the Mt. Pleasant bureau on this number, the committee decided to accept the postponement, and we may expect to have this great and talented woman on some date after the first of the year.

The committee received a telegram from Miss Antin on Monday confirming the postponement.

Alma is fortunate in still having four numbers of their course that will come one before the holidays, and this will give three numbers after January 1st, balancing the course better as to dates than before the postponement. The opening number will be given by the C. W. Best's artists on October 23rd, 1916. Tickets can be procured of the lyceum agents at the high school or college, or at either of the banks, and at Brunner's and Murphy's drug stores. Remember seven number for \$1.50.

FLEET TO DETROIT

Twenty Republics go to Detroit by Way of Saginaw and Flint.

This noon twenty Republic trucks, a single day's shipment to the Tower-Ayer corporation of Detroit, representatives in that city for the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., left Alma for Detroit, all going overland.

The trucks go by way of Saginaw and Flint and will reach Detroit Friday morning. In Saginaw the trucks were on display on the main streets for half an hour and then proceeded to Flint, where they will remain tonight. They will also be on display in Flint. On reaching Detroit the trucks will be taken back and forth over the principal business streets, and will then be delivered to the Detroit agents of the company.

OWOSSO VICTOR OVER

ALMA IN GOOD GAME

Locals Fight Hard Against Big Odds—Owosso Has Hard Battle to Gain Honors.

Playing against a heavy veteran eleven the Alma high school football team went down to defeat before the Owosso high school team last week Saturday by a score of 10 to 0.

Coach Kimball's lads put up a strong game through the first three periods, but in the last period weakened from the constant line-smashing of the heavier Owosso eleven, and the visitors were able to push over a single touchdown. The other three points came on a dropkick in the second quarter.

The locals started the game with a rush and carried the ball far into Owosso territory before the visitors could hold the Alma team for downs. The visitors carried the ball back down the field, and being held, punted. With a slashing attack, Alma carried it back past midfield before time was called for the quarter.

With the start of the second quarter Alma was held for downs and the Owosso team carried the ball by line-smashes, to within the twenty yard line, where Alma held like a wall. On the fourth down, Marvin of Owosso, lifted the oval over the cross bar from a dropkick and three points. Alma received and for the balance of the half, outplayed the Owosso team, and threatened the Owosso goal, but could not muster the punch needed to carry the ball over.

Again in the third quarter Alma threatened the Owosso goal, but was held for downs and the Owosso eleven carried the ball far back in to Alma territory, being stopped just four yards short of the Alma goal. The locals for four downs piled the Owosso eleven up without a gain. Alma opened up with forward passes in an attempt to score and pull the game from the fire, but after a couple successful passes lost the ball.

In the fourth quarter the heavier Owosso team ploughed through the Alma line to good advantage, and a few minutes before the contest closed, Blair smashed over the line, and thus kicked the resultant goal.

The locals played a brilliant game, in spite of their defeat, with Greave, Campbell and Smith in the leading roles. Blair and Marvin were the Owosso stars.

Lineup:
Schmidt, I. C. Richards
Greave, I. C. Greenho, Sartor
Welch, I. C. G. Mahr
Martin, I. C. Wheaton
Lyon, I. C. G. Medler
Giffel, I. C. F. L. Boyd
G. Robbins, I. C. F. Hershberger
Hayward

Storier, I. C. G. Smith
Marvin, I. C. L. H. Howe
J. Robbins, I. C. H. Howe
Blair, I. C. F. B. Campbell

Touchdown: Blair.
Goal from touchdown: Blair.
Field goal: Marvin.
Quarters: 12 and 15 minutes.
Referee: Crisp. Umpire: Dunham.

Record Want Ads for Results

WILL HAVE GOOD RACES TOMORROW

Racing Matinee Will Close The Big Races To Be Held Friday.

MANY HORSES ARE ENTERED

A Large Number of Horses From Outside Will Race Against Local Horses.

Friday will be the last day of the big racing matinee which is being held in Alma this week, and will close the races in this section of the state until the ice races start in the middle of the winter.

The races this afternoon were especially good ones, according to all reports. There were several close and exciting finishes, which brought the large crowd in the stand to its feet, yelling madly at the various favorites in these races.

The affair for Friday afternoon promises to be every bit as good as the one today, if not better and the lever of horse races will miss a great amount of sport if he neglects the Friday matinee at the race track north of the city, out Wright avenue.

The Alma Driving club which is staging the matinee has made big efforts to secure outside horses, and the efforts have brought to Alma a large number of horses from other cities and towns.

Among the towns from outside, which have horses here for the races are Saginaw, Mt. Pleasant, Durand, St. Louis, Lakeview, Riverdale, Owosso, Elm Hill, Breckenridge and others. Among the local horsemen who have horses entered in the races are Cushing, Plowman, Hyde, Brown, McNamara, Eckert, McNabb, Barry and Udell.

REPUBLIC DISPATCH

Half-Ton Truck on Way to Coast Meeting With Favor.

Word received from Lester Poyer and H. L. Dewey, who are with the Republic Dispatch, the half ton truck, which is on its way overland to California, said that the truck was leaving Kankakee, Illinois, for Peoria, Illinois, on Wednesday. Telegrams which have been received daily, tell of the favor with which the dispatch is being greeted, and how well the new truck is standing the trip.

The truck left Alma last Thursday afternoon, late in the day, for Grand Rapids. It arrived in Grand Rapids before midnight and the next day was displayed there, and caused what Dewey termed a near riot. From Grand Rapids it went on to Chicago, where at the Congress hotel on Monday, Poyer and Dewey were banqueted by Chicago newspapermen, and truck experts, who viewing the Dispatch, pronounced it a winner. Among those who have so far passed judgement on the Dispatch was the chief engineer of the Euda Motor works at Harvey, Illinois, who termed the half-ton truck of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., as a great achievement.

The reports from Poyer and Dewey say that the truck is responding in fine shape to the work that is being given it in its great test. It already has made a host of Republic friends on the small portion of its trip so far made, and with the high praise given by truck experts, etc., it is bound to find a ready market.

In leaving Alma at 5:30 in the evening and arriving in Grand Rapids at 11:00 that night, the truck made a fine trip and exceeded expectations. It left Chicago Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 and before 7:00 in the evening it was in Kankakee, eighty miles away. It left Peoria this morning, west bound.



MRS. JOE MCKENZIE

In "Indiana Home Folks," Opera House, Tuesday, Oct. 24th. See the photo engravings of others in the Record next week.